



Fifth Sunday of Easter - Yr C

18th May, 2025

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CHILD PROTECTION - is everyone's responsibility

Check the Parish Website for:

Child Safety & Code of Conduct Policy
Parish Privacy Act / Professional Standards

A parent must accompany any child leaving the church during Mass.

Parish Email: gisborne@cam.org.au
Parish Website melbcatholic.org/s/gisborne
Parish Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/stbrigidsparishgisborne**Secretary Hours** Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm**CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:**

Please pray for those who are in ill health:

**Eileen S, Corine V, Anthony S,
Fran S, Helen K, Shane R, George T,
Diane M, Marg P, Zoe F,
Ellen K & Pat P.**

We pray for the recently deceased and for those who have
an anniversary at this time, especially

Marie Owen.

May they rest in peace

Upcoming Parish Masses & Events**Sat 17/05/25** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne**Sun 18/05/25** Normal Sunday Masses

**All Masses 17/05/25 & 18/05/25 will be
Confirmation Commitment Masses**

Mon 19/05/25 5:30pm Sacramental classes – Gisborne**Tue 20/05/25** 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne**Wed 21/05/25** 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne**Thu 22/05/25** 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne**Fri 23/05/25** 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne**Fri 23/05/25** Warrina Communion Service**Sat 24/05/25** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne**Sun 25/05/25** Normal Sunday Masses**Sun 25/05/25** 12pm – Baptism's – Gisborne**Mon 26/05/25** 5:30pm Sacramental classes – Gisborne**Tue 27/05/25** 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne**Wed 28/05/25** 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

‘Love one another as I have loved you.’ You may think that Our Lord’s extravagant extreme of love in voluntarily undergoing death for us, is something no human being could ever measure up to.

But actually, something like this happens whenever a mother or father sits by the bedside of a child suffering the terrible pain of a chronic illness or traumatic accident and, perhaps, even facing the prospect of death. Such a parent will invariably say ‘I would rather suffer and die than see my child suffer and die.’ It is the same with a person seeing their much loved life partner in a similar situation.

Each of us, usually to a lesser degree and in less fraught circumstances, has the opportunity to absorb, to some extent, the sufferings of others. We are thus given the possibility of fulfilling the command: ‘Love one another as I have loved you.’

The effect of this sort of loving will be realised at the end of history, not in a garden of Paradise, but as in a wonderful City where all tears will be wiped from our eyes.

We could pause for a moment on our way to that future City, resolving to be alert to opportunities to fulfil our Lord’s command: ‘Love one another as I have loved you.’

mtate@bigpond.com**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 19th – 25th May, 2025**

National Volunteer Week 2025 will celebrate the power of volunteering to bring people together with the theme
‘Connecting Communities’.

Volunteering creates lasting relationships that enrich lives and strengthen communities. Join us as we explore how giving to others fosters community engagement, connection and belonging.

Let’s acknowledge the spirit of connection and the incredible impact volunteers have in building thriving and inclusive communities and those especially who volunteer at St. Brigid’s and bring life to our parish & celebrations.

Thank you to our readers, musicians, special ministers, church carers, florists, committee members, liturgical program co-ordinators (Baptism & Sacraments), sacristans, tradesmen and to anyone who helps within our parish.

You are very much appreciated for all that you do.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year C

24th & 25th May, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: J. Farrugia Eucharist: L. Wilson	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: P. Lawry	Flowers: M. Clifford & W. Kays 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: M. Redman Eucharist: K. Vandenberg	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: D. Egan Eucharist: K. Page	

menALIVE Men's Weekend

14th – 15th June 2025

at

**St Anne's Parish Hall,
101 Riddell Road, SUNBURY**

PROGRAM

SATURDAY

8:00 - 8:45 am Registration
 8:30 pm End of Day #1
 (Lunch and Dinner provided)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Start
 1:30 pm Finish
 (10:30 am Mass included)

COST

\$40 per person
 Includes: Workshops, morning and afternoon tea, lunch and dinner on Saturday.
 (If you cannot afford to pay, please contact Garnet Jacob – details below).

RSVP

By 8th June 2025

ENQUIRIES

John Stafford 0411 151 663
 Tony Tarni 0458 944 153
 Tony Proctor 0408 326 615
 Garnet Jacob 0411 286 428
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THANKSGIVING BY DIRECT DEBIT

If you would like to contribute to the Thanksgiving Program, you may do so by direct debit to the acct below:

**St. Brigid's Church Account
NAB**

BSB: 083 347

Acct: 6742 95773

Please use your surname and TG number as the reference.

PRIEST & PRESBYTERY BY DIRECT DEBIT

If you would like to contribute to the Priest & Presbytery expenses, you may do so by direct debit to the acct below:

**St. Brigid's Presbytery Account
NAB**

BSB: 083 347

Acct: 6672 72303

Please use your surname as the reference.

AN INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

Week 2 – How to Pray

Last week, we mentioned a 'road map' for prayer.

We also mentioned André Regnier's work:

(<https://cco.ca/missionaries/andre-regnier/>) in guiding and demystifying the process. He recommends a few 'road rules' before you begin...

1. Plan to pray every morning: In the same way you fill up with petrol or diesel before you go on a trip, this is the way to start your day.
2. Start with 10 – 15 minutes a day: It's a good routine to get into - you don't have to devote hours to praying at the start of this particular journey, but if you keep at it, it is likely to become a habit that sets you up for the day/week/life.
3. Consider using a journal: this may be strange to begin with, but if you write as if you're talking to God, and not just doing a diary entry, then it can help to keep you focused and clarify your thoughts.
4. Read the daily mass readings: there are several websites to choose from to help with this, e.g. Laudate (<https://laudate-1-catholic-app.en.softonic.com/iphone>) or Daily Mass Readings (<https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/daily-mass-readings>) are just 2. Laudate is an American site, but don't let that put you off (!), there are loads of helpful links in this app.
5. Find a playlist that speaks to your heart: The Hallow app has many religious hymns and songs that you can listen to as you pray.
6. Pray in a comfortable environment where you can focus: **BUT** not in bed... we all know how easy it is to fall back to sleep when you are *too* comfortable!

More about this next week....

St. Brigid's Parish Divine Renovation Team

SECRETARY ANNUAL LEAVE

For the remainder of May, I will only be working 1 day a week instead of 2.

The office will be **unattended** on:

Tuesday 20th May

Tuesday 27th May

OPEN HOUSE

Meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the Kaffeeine Bar for a coffee and chat.
Everyone Welcome!

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Thursday – 10am
 For all enquiries please contact
 Bernie 0414 890 377

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Should you have a loved one gravely ill and in need of anointing or the services of a priest, please call the Parish Landline on 5428 2591.

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

Collections last week: Presbytery \$439
 Thanksgiving \$982

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: In our Easter Season we hear successive images of the mission of the Church and the Gospel standard of love. Today we hear the mandate of Jesus to love one another as he has first loved us.

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27

We hear again of the journey of Paul and Barnabas in their missionary tour as they put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. When they reach Antioch they assemble the Church and give an account of all that God had done with them.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

We hear John and his vision of heaven. He portrays the holy city, the new Jerusalem coming down from God out of Heaven and how God will be with his people.

Gospel: John 13:31-35

We hear the words of Jesus at the Last Supper as he foretells the disciples that he will not be with them much longer. He proclaims the new commandment of love.

Prayer of Intercession: We have heard the words of Jesus about his new commandment. Let us now pray that this model of love will be lived at all levels in society.

1. For our Holy Father, priests and bishops, that through their lives and ministry they might enable your people to live in accordance with Christ's new commandment of love.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. That the standard of love mandated by Christ may guide all churches in the search for Christian unity and that they may be one in answer to the prayer of Jesus

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3 We pray for all people, that the light of Christ might awaken in us, new respect for every human life and every living thing, so that we might transform this world with love.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4 For those suffering throughout the world from hunger, war, conflict, epidemics, drought and other natural disasters. May they be strengthened and sustained by our prayers and the love of God.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

5 We pray for ourselves and the special needs of all in our parish community. We pray for those who are sick – those on our parish prayer list – the frail, and for all who care for them. For the faithful departed: for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Marie Owen**.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Please join in the parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Father, we entrust these petitions to your care knowing that in your love and mercy they will be heard in the name of Christ your son and our brother. Amen.

Next week's readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev. 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

ST. BRIGID'S GISBORNE PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, we thank you for all the blessings we enjoy in our parish family of St. Brigid's Gisborne.

Many have laboured to build our parish. May we all work together and hand in hand stand together.

May our parish be filled with holiness and prayer, faith and love.

May all who come here find a welcoming home, comfort in their needs and strength for their journey.

St. Brigid, St. Patrick, St. Ambrose and St. Colmcille watch over us always we pray, that with faith we grow and learn.

We make our prayer in Jesus name.

Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (*all bow*)

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; "he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen

The Living Word

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First Reading

Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

(R.) *I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

Apocalypse:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



When was the last time you felt **really alive?**



God is glorified
when men are
fully alive
St Ireneaus

MEN'S WEEKEND

The menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. The weekend is organised by men in your local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age.

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**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish
SUNBURY**

For more information, contact:

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*Brochures / Registration Forms are available from the back of
St Anne's Church, or from the Parish Office*

Or scan the QR code to register online



<https://sunbury.menalivevic.au/>



The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God, and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

www.menalive.org.au